

### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

# <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

JAN 22 2014

Ms. Kay Durham, President Tankergistic, Inc. 5024 20th Avenue South Tampa, Florida 33619

SUBJ: Consent Agreement and Final Order:

Docket No. CWA-04-2013-5003(b)

Dear Ms. Durham:

Enclosed is a copy of the Consent Agreement and Final Order for the above referenced matter. This CAFO became effective on the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.6 and 22.31, and as indicated on the Certificate of Service.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby notifies you that the Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) has been executed by both parties and is binding on the EPA and you. Upon receipt of your assessed penalty of \$5000.00, the EPA will take no further action against you for the violations cited in the ESA. Your copy of the executed ESA is enclosed.

You must submit your payment within 30 days of your receipt of this letter by either electronic funds transfer, certified or cashier's check made payable to "Environmental Protection Agency." The check and a letter accompanying the check shall reference the name of the responsible party (Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund-311, Tankergistic, Inc.) and the EPA docket number CWA-04-2013-5003(b), and shall be sent depending upon your preferred method of payment identified in Enclosure A.

At the same time, you shall send a separate copy of each check and a written statement that the payment is being made in accordance with this CAFO, to the persons at the following addresses:

Ms. Patricia Bullock Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Mr. Houston Gilliand Jr.
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
61 Forsyth Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

If you have any questions, please contact Houston Gilliand, Jr. at (404) 562-8617.

Sincerely,

César A. Zapata

Chief, RCRA and OPA Enforcement and

Compliance Branch

**RCRA** Division

Enclosures



# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 4**

# 61 FORSYTH STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303 EXPEDITED OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

**DOCKET NO.:** CWA 04-2013-5003(b)

64, Polk County, Florida, Tankergistics, Inc., doing business as Tampa Tank Lines (Respondent), discharged approximately 4,000 gallons of oil in violation gallons of oil in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) § 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. § as described on the attached "Findings and 1321(b)(3), Alleged Violations Form" (Form), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finds the Respondent's conduct is subject to the discharge prohibition of CWA § 311(b)(3), as described in that statute and further described by 40 C.F.R.§110.3, and that the Respondent has violated CWA § 311(b)(3), as described in the Form. The Respondent admits being subject to CWA § 311(b)(3), and that the EPA has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the Respondent's conduct as described in the Form. Respondent neither admits nor denies the Allegations in the Form.

The EPA is authorized to enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESA) under the authority vested in the Administrator of the EPA by the CWA § 311(b)(6)(B)(i), amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and by 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b). The parties enter into this ESA in order to settle the civil violation described in the Form for a penalty of \$5000.00. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty.

This ESA is also subject to the following terms and conditions: Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false submission to the United States Government, that it has investigated the cause of the spill, it has cleaned up the spill pursuant to federal requirements at a cost of \$249,786.34, and it has taken corrective actions that will prevent future spills. The Respondent also by signature on this ESA agrees to payment of the penalty assessed within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice that the ESA has been executed and effective. Do not enclose payment. The EPA will provide instructions in writing on the procedures for making the penalty payment.

Upon signing and returning this ESA to the EPA, the Respondent waives the opportunity for a hearing or appeal pursuant to CWA § 311, and consents to the EPA's approval of the ESA without further notice.

On August 13, 2012 at 4:30 am, while eastbound on State Road After this ESA becomes effective and the assessed penalty is paid, the EPA will take no further action against the Respondent for the violation of CWA § 311(b)(3) of the Act described in the Form. However, the EPA does not waive any rights to take any enforcement action for any other past, present, or future violation by the Respondent of the CWA § 311(b)(3) or of any other federal statute or regulation.

> This ESA is binding on the parties signing below, and effective upon the EPA's filing of the document with the Regional Hearing Clerk. If the Respondent does not sign and return this ESA as presented within fifteen (15) days of the date of its receipt, the proposed ESA is withdrawn without prejudice to the EPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violation identified in the Form.

#### APPROVED BY RESPONDENT:

Name (print): KAY DUKHAM
Title (print): President
Signature:
APPROVED BY THE EPA:
Date 12/16/13
César A. Zapata, Chief
RCRA and OPA Enforcement and Compliance Branch
PCP A Division

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Susan B. Schub

Regional Judicial Officer

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the attached Consent Agreement and Final Order, in the Matter of Tankergistic, Inc, Docket No. CWA-04-2013-5003(b) (filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk on 1 - 22, 2014) was served on 1 - 22, 2014 in the manner specified to each of the person set forth below:

Ms. Kay Durham, President Tankergistic, Inc 5024 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Inc. Tampa, Florida 33619 CERTIFIED MÁIL
Return Receipt Requested

Quantindra Smith RCRA & OPA Enforcement & Compliance Branch U.S. EPA - Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303 EPA's Internal Mail and PDF

Date: 1-22-14

Patricia Bullock, Regional Hearing Clerk United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303

(404) 562-9511

#### ENCLOSURE A

#### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

#### CHECK PAYMENTS:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Fines and Penalties P.O. Box 979077 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

#### WIRE TRANSFERS:

Wire transfers should be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

ABA = 021030004

Account = 68010727

SWIFT address = FRNYUS33

33 Liberty Street

New York, New York 10045

Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727 Environmental Protection Agency"

#### **OVERNIGHT MAIL:**

U.S. Bank 1005 Convention Plaza Mail Station SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Contact: Natalie Pearson (314) 425-1818

ACH (also known as REX or remittance express)

Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) for receiving U.S. currency US Treasury REX / ACH Receiver 5700 Rivertech Court Riverdale, Maryland 20737 Contacts: John Schmid 202-874-7028 or Remittance Express 1-866-234-5681 ABA = 051036706 Transaction Code 22 – checking Environmental Protection Agency Account 310006 CTX Format

# ON LINE PAYMENT:

There is now an On Line Payment Option, available through the Dept. of Treasury. This payment option can be accessed from the information below:

www.pay.gov

Enter sfo 1.1 in the search field

Open form and complete required fields.

## Findings and Alleged Violations Form Expedited Oil Spill Agreement

- 1. Tankergistics, Inc., doing business as Tampa Tank Lines (Respondent), is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Florida, with a place of business located at 5024 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Tampa, Florida 33619. Respondent is a person within the meaning of Section 311(a)(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(7).
- 2. Respondent is the owner or operator of the onshore facility within the meaning of Section 311(a)(10) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(10), which was located east bound on State Road 64 near Wauchula, Florida. ("facility").
- 3. Section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) prohibits the discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines in such quantities that have been determined may be harmful to the public health or welfare or environment of the United States.
- 4. For purposes of Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3) and (b)(4), discharges of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States in such quantities that the EPA has determined may be harmful to the public health, welfare or environment of the United States are defined in 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 to include discharges of oil that cause a film or a sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shorelines.
- 5. On August 13, 2012, Respondent discharged 4,000 gallons of oil as defined in Section 311(a)(1) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(a)(1), and 40 C.F. R. §110.1, from its facility into or upon Charlie Creek, which flows into the Peace River, which discharges into Charlotte Harbor in the Gulf of Mexico
- 6. Charlie Creek which eventually flows to Charlotte Harbor in the Gulf of Mexico is a "navigable water of the United States", as defined in Section 502(7) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 110.1 and is subject to the jurisdiction of Section 311 of the CWA.
- 7. Respondent's August 13, 2012 discharge of oil from its facility caused a film or sheen upon or discoloration of the surface of Charlie Creek, which flows into the Peace River, which discharges to Charlotte Harbor in the Gulf of Mexico and therefore, was in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3, which implements Section 311(b)(3) and (b)(4) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1321(b)(3) and (b)(4).
- 8. Respondent's August 13, 2012 discharge of oil into or upon Charlie Creek in a quantity that has been determined may be harmful under 40 C.F.R. § 110.3 violated Section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 3121(b)(3). Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(i) of the CWA, 33 U.S. C. § 3121(b)(6)(B)(i) and 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, the Respondent is liable for civil penalties of up to \$16,000 per violation, up to a maximum of \$37,500.